

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Ticklish Problem

IN their Washington discussions on the Middle East situation—actual and potential—British, American and French officials are continuing where President Eisenhower and Anthony Eden left off in their recent talks. But the Big Three representatives will make no decisions. Their job is to exchange, and where possible correlate, information and ideas. Essentially they are reassessing their position and responsibilities vis-a-vis the 1950 tripartite declaration.

The United States representatives are reported to have prepared a "plan to stop aggression in the Middle East." It is to be noted that it is not designed to prevent aggression, and its importance in the current deliberations must rank second to the more urgent need of finding a deterrent to a flare-up between Israel and any of her neighbouring Arab states.

THERE are two dangerous possibilities: that Egypt and Israel will allow hot tempers to prevail over cool judgment and become embroiled in a conflict that may be difficult, if not impossible, to localise; or that next month, Israel and Syria may become involved in a shooting dispute over diversion of the River Jordan, which would almost automatically bring Egypt into the fray on the side of the Arab kingdom.

How to prevent either of these two possibilities materialising must be the first consideration of the Big Three. Sir Anthony Eden has expressed a firm belief that enlarging of the United Nations Truce Commission, which serves to maintain the neutral zone between Egypt and Israel, would help considerably in keeping down provocative border incidents. But it is unlikely this would be sufficient to rule out an Israeli-Egyptian conflict.

An additional suggestion is that the no-man's-land strips between Israel and her neighbours be enlarged, but manifestly it would be difficult to secure the consent of all the parties to such an arrangement, and it is a proposition that can hardly be forced on the affected countries by the United Nations.

BIGGEST HANDICAP to those seeking to bring about friendlier relations between Israel and the Arab states is the truculence of Colonel Nasser, the Egyptian Prime Minister, and his neighbour exhibited by Mr David Ben Gurion, the Israeli leader. Between them they are making it impossible to spell out an acceptable peace formula. Meanwhile in the background is Soviet influence and pressure designed to incite and maintain tension.

There are indications suggesting that the State Department are already reconciled to the improbability of preventing border incidents capable of developing into full-scale hostilities; in which case it is understandable they should look farther ahead and try to determine the most effective methods for bringing an act of aggression to a halt. Many, however, will suffer doubts whether a naval blockade, plus economic and financial sanctions will be sufficient means for the desired end. There would still remain the Communists anxious and ready to exploit such a situation.

FINANCED EDUCATION BY BURGLARY

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 9. (Petra) Yoshida, 20, a Drake ministerial student, was held in gaol today and police said he admitted he had financed his three years of education by burglary.

Yoshida came to Drake from Chicago three years ago. The

Europe In The Throes Of A Deep Freeze

BALTIC SEA ICING UP

Snow-Storms And Gales

Paris, Feb. 9.

The Baltic Sea was tonight in danger of being sealed off by ice for the rest of the winter as an icy cold clamped down over Scandinavia and Germany.

Swedish maritime officials have warned all shipping to leave the Baltic as soon as possible. Ice packs in the Kiel Canal and the Great Belt entrances to the Baltic have threatened to totally block off this sea if the temperature does not rise within three days.

The cold spell is travelling south-eastwards and temperatures of below 30 degrees Centigrade have been recorded in East Germany and Yugoslavia. Ice, snow-storms and gales have been reported from most parts of Europe and the Mediterranean coast.

Norway was the latest Scandinavian country to be hit by the cold spell. Within 24 hours, the temperature dropped from zero to minus 22 degrees (Centigrade). Floating ice-packs have made Oslo Fjord no longer safe for shipping. Italian workers in Sweden were tonight packing their bags for home, beaten by the cold. But at home too, cold and snow was awaiting them.

At Goerlitz, on the Polish-East German border, the temperature fell last night to below 30 degrees under zero Centigrade, the lowest temperature so far recorded in East Germany.

Another record low was reported from the town of Sjenica in Serbia, where the temperature fell to 33 degrees below zero this morning. Minus 28 was recorded at nearby Caprinje, 20 degrees below in South Macedonia and 25 below in Bosnia. While heavy snow-storms were thrashing down on the Adriatic coast, roads were blocked and trains held snow-bound.

SOLDIERS FREEZE

TO DEATH

Two British soldiers froze to death in a mountain blizzard in central Cyprus early this morning. They were trying to reach camp after their vehicle had become snowed out. Winds and snowstorms today left a trail of destruction behind in mountainous West Cyprus. Many villages were isolated, roads and bridges washed away and roofs ripped off cottages.

Across the Eastern Mediterranean in Beirut, a tempest was raging tonight and ships could not enter the harbour. Heavy snowstorms had cut all mountain roads, including the highway from Beirut to Damascus. Swollen torrents were causing damage and flooding all along the Lebanon coast. All air traffic may be stopped at Khaldé airport tonight.

The cold wave has not spared the normally sunny African shores of the Mediterranean and particularly low temperatures were recorded in Tunisia. The "Neo-Destour" governing Nationalist Party and the French High Commissioner, Roger Seydoux, have launched special programmes to help the poor and homeless during the cold crisis.

Italy has had her share of the winter storms. The South has so far been the worst victim, with heavy snowfalls blocking roads and railways. Air search parties were today looking for a bus with 50 passengers on board, missing for six days on a deserted snow-bound road in Calabria.

ROME'S 9-HOUR SNOWFALL

In Rome, a record nine-hour snowfall has left a four-inch deep white carpet over the capital, disorganising city transport services. So far over 200 persons have been admitted to hospitals after falls in the snow.

The latest victim of the cold spell, moving across Europe from the northeast, is France. East France and Luxembourg were tonight expecting the thermometers to tip below the minus 20 degrees Centigrade mark.

Strasbourg railway station in Alsace was completely ice-bound today. Railwaymen have been working day and night for 48 hours to keep the lines and points free, but wind, ice and snow combine to wreck their work immediately.

International trains were diverted from the town and suburban workers were stranded in their homes. Louis Armand, a high official of the French railways, came to inspect the damage this evening.

Even Nice on the French Riviera was the victim of the elements tonight. The annual flower carnival made its usual success under a warm sun this afternoon. By 9 o'clock tonight a snow-storm had transformed the festive scene.

In Paris, after a short interval of mild weather, the temperature again started to fall rapidly this morning and by tonight Parisians were shivering with minus ten degrees Centigrade and preparing for the worst during the next two days. The weather forecast has predicted 15 to 20 degrees below zero.—France-Press.

AND FLOODS IN MADAGASCAR

Tananarive, Feb. 9. Disastrous floods with waters rising as high as the telephone wires at some points have hit the Tamatave region of Madagascar. The floods were caused by torrential rains which have been falling non-stop for the past four days.

The rising waters have completely destroyed the electrical power station, supplying the city of Tamatave and the town was today without electricity current. An emergency supply was arranged for the hospital.

Road and rail communications have been cut, and many warehouses flooded.

In the town of Brickaville, 90 per cent of the houses are under water.—France-Press.

Govt Retain Seat

Leeds, Feb. 9. The government held the seat in the parliamentary byelection today.

The result, declared tonight, was Sir Keith Joseph (Conservative) 14,081.

Mr H. M. Waterman (Labour) 8,212.

The government majority was 5,869.

The byelection was caused by the elevation of the peerage recently of Mr Robert Penke, a former Minister of Pensions.

In the 1955 general election Mr Penke won the seat over his Labour opponent by 9,279 votes.—Reuter.

Food, Clothing Rushed To Victims

Rome, Feb. 9.

The United States, Italy and the Vatican sped food and clothing tonight to hundreds of thousands of Italians caught for the ninth straight day in the icy grip of a white disaster.

The conditions resulting from the cold wave worsened by the hour. Towns and villages are isolated by deep snows from the North of the Peninsula to the tip of the boot, and in Sicily.

Other European countries, plagued by cold last week, were warned of another freeze in the wake of a thaw. The Italian Government is in an emergency session.

The US Ambassador, Mrs Clare Bloothe-Luce, ordered American aid put on an urgent basis after hurried phone calls to Washington. US Army trucks loaded with food and clothing began rolling. Italian Air Force planes and helicopters fanned out to drop supplies to communities completely cut off by deep drifts. The Vatican joined the relief effort with shipments of food and medicine.

Peasants were reported battling hungry wolves in mountain regions. Government officials estimated the number of persons trapped in snowbound towns and villages at hundreds of thousands. The southern city of Matera, with 22,000 people, is cut off. A train trying to reach it jumped the tracks.

Transport broke down from one end of the peninsula to the other. Telephone services went out under snow that buckled transmission lines. Fuel and power supplies dwindled.—United Press.

Ready To Repel Attack

Taipei, Feb. 9.

Chinese Nationalist troops on the Matsui offshore island group are prepared to repel any Chinese Communist invasion attempt. Major-General Hua, Matsui garrison commander, said today.

He made this statement at a news conference on Matsui island. It was attended by the United States Ambassador to Formosa, Mr Karl Rankin, Seventh Fleet Commander, Vice-Admiral Studart Ingersoll and Nationalist Foreign Minister, George Yeh.

The two United States officials and Mr Yeh had flown in earlier in the day to inspect defence positions.

General Hua said that in the past ten months the Chinese Communists had reinforced their positions on the mainland province of Fukien and could attack the Matsui islands at any time.

The Matsui islands lie at the mouth of the Min River estuary leading to the big mainland port of Fochow in Fukien.—Reuter.

New Series Begins Tomorrow

Tomorrow the feature-packed week-end China Mail brings you another new series of articles written by Fleet Street specialist Nigel Gee.

It is titled "Famous trials for treason" and the first one, appearing in tomorrow's issue, is "The knight who turned traitor."

This is only one of a number of highlights in the Saturday Mail which contains a wide selection of topical articles for your holiday reading.

Here are some others:

- ★ The Million-pound bank plot, a world's strangest story.
- ★ David Lewin concludes the life and opinions of Sir Alexander Korda in this week's article: Life aboard my yacht.
- ★ Muriel White says that Englishwomen have changed.

There are all your regular favourites as well—including Jane Roberts' reviews of the holiday advertisements, the Queen's local pictures and a special page of pictures covering the Queen's visit to Nigeria, a special section for women, another for children and another for sportsmen, cartoons, puzzles, comic strips—and another Giles—all in the China Mail.

DEATH PENALTY CONTROVERSY: SURPRISE MOVE BY EDEN

London, Feb. 9.

A week before a House of Commons debate on whether murderers in Britain shall continue to be hanged, the Government tonight announced it would propose improving the law regarding murder while retaining the death penalty.

Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, put down a motion urging the Commons to agree that the death penalty should be retained but that "the law relating to the crime of murder should be amended."

He gave no details how the law would be amended.

As the Government motion would not enable the House to have a straight vote for or against hanging—a vote against might be construed as objecting to improving the present law—opponents of hanging made a peremptory period.

Headed by Mr James Chuter Ede, a former Labour Home Secretary, they put down an amendment. This urges the House to agree that the death penalty for murder no longer accords with the needs or true interests of a civilised society and calls on the Government to abolish it at once or for an experimental period.

As Home Secretary in the Labour Government, Mr Ede had made it clear to decide whether a murderer who had asked for a reprieve should have or not.

Once in favour of hanging, Mr Ede is now strongly against it.

The Government will allow Parliament to vote for next Thursday's debate.

MODIFICATION

In stating its own policy, the Government will put forward various ideas of how it thinks the law governing murder cases might be improved.

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pardons" for three men who had been convicted and imprisoned for an attack on a policeman, of which they are now proved to be innocent.

What worried MPs was that if the policeman had died the three men might have been executed before their innocence was established.

Though the Government will oppose the abolition of hanging, it will suggest some alterations in the law governing murder sentences, taking into account such questions as degree of provocation, the problem of insanity and "constructive malice."

—China Mail Special.

Dives From Helicopter To Rescue Man

Avalon, Calif., Feb. 9.

A Marine sergeant dived in the dark from a helicopter into the ocean to keep an injured crash victim afloat, the Navy reported today.

The rescued man died early today of his injuries, but two other crewmen of a Navy AD-5 suffered only minor injuries in the ditching of their Skyraider plane off Santa Catalina last night.

The crash victim was Ruel Reeves Jr. He died aboard the carrier Wasp, which joined scores of ships in the search for the plane's crew after receiving a distress message.

The Navy said a helicopter rescue unit from El Toro Marine base sighted Reeves floating in the water. Marine Captain Max Schumacher dropped down low over the floating man and tried to get a line to him. When it was apparent Reeves was unconscious, Tech. Sgt. D.K. Ziegler dived into the water and held the victim in his arms.

DOWN DRAFT AID

Captain Schumacher then used the down draft of his helicopter blades to help Sgt Ziegler and Reeves drift toward the carrier. A boat from the Wasp picked up Reeves but Ziegler refused to go aboard and climbed back into the helicopter.

Captain Schumacher and Sgt Ziegler then flew back to where the Navy pilot of the downed plane, Lt (jg) Kenneth Brooke, was floating in the water, picked him up and transferred him to the Wasp. A third crewman, Howard Humphrey, was picked up by a fishing boat. He and Brooke both survived their parachuting without serious injury.—United Press.

Army, Navy Chiefs Arrested

Normos, Argentina, Feb. 9. Paraguayan Army General Quintin Parini and Navy Commander-in-Chief, Rear-Admiral Parini were arrested and relieved of their duties together with about 20 young Paraguayan army officers during last week-end, according to reports reaching here today.

The officers were reportedly imprisoned at Fort Inguavi, held by Paraguay exiles in Argentina, to be a concentration camp for political opponents of President Alfredo Stroessner.—France-Press.

Extradition Request MP TO ASK QUESTIONS

London, Feb. 9.

Left-wing Socialist MP Conal Zilliacus is concerned as to what steps British government have taken to secure the extradition from Formosa of Chow Tse-min, wanted by the Hongkong police for allegedly placing a time-bomb in the Indian airliner that blew up last April.

He is to put a question down on the order paper addressed to the Foreign Secretary. When the question comes up for an answer he will also ask the Foreign Secretary what he proposes to do to secure compliance by the Formosa authorities with the extradition request.—London Express Service.

Anti-Mollet Demonstration Planned

Algiers, Feb. 9.

The Algerian "public safety" committee, set up by settlers this week to coordinate the fight against the government's proposed reforms, tonight ordered a five-hour general strike, tomorrow and a "monster demonstration" against the Premier, M. Guy Mollet.

The demonstration is to bring French students, ex-servicemen, the 120 mayors of the Algiers Department "in calm and dignity" before the Algiers war memorial, where they will swear a pledge to "live and die on the French soil of Algeria."

FOUR DEMANDS

The demonstration was ordered, a spokesman explained, to force M. Mollet to accept a four-point programme drawn up by the committee tonight.

1. Adaptation of the French army to the fight against the rebels in Algeria.

2. Use of all means, "including military means," to end foreign interference in North Africa.

3. Unequivocal adoption of a "policy of French sovereignty" in Algeria.

4. Abandonment of the government's stated Algeria policy and in particular of the proposed common voting roll for Frenchmen and Moslems.—Reuter.

Aswan Dam Loan

London, Feb. 9. The International Bank has agreed to loan Egypt 200,000,000 dollars for the construction of the Aswan high dam, Cairo Radio reported tonight.

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Quake Shakes Tokyo

Tokyo, Feb. 10. A sharp earthquake shook Tokyo at 6.55 a.m. today. The earthquake was reported in some quarters as lasting for about 20 seconds.—United Press.

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Control Of The Weather By Man Is Now In Sight

Washington, Feb. 9.

A Government advisory group said today that West Coast rain-makers have achieved a "breakthrough" which opens "amazing possibilities" for making man master of the weather.

The advisory committee on weather control reported that cloud seeding has boosted rainfall. It also promises the means of curbing destructive hail and lightning and, perhaps, tornadoes and hurricanes.

The committee added that new techniques now being tested look "very promising." It said intensified research "will most likely lead" to even increasing "control over the atmosphere."

It urged Federal support for such research and for practical weather control projects and training programmes. It also recommended that future A-bomb and H-bomb tests include experiments specifically aimed at determining conclusively whether nuclear explosions have any effect on weather. It found no evidence that they do.

For First Time

The committee, headed by retired Navy Capt. Howard T. Orville, said in a report to President Eisenhower that it had, "for the first time in history," determined that cloud seeding "produces substantial and economically important increases in precipitation."

Five Western commercial cloud seeding projects studied by the group "produced increases in precipitation from nine to 17 per cent." A sixth produced an average 18 per cent increase over a period of five years.

Congress created the committee in 1953 to settle a controversy over whether seeding clouds with dry ice or silver iodide actually works. The committee concentrated its studies on commercial silver iodide projects in California, Oregon, Washington and northern Idaho.

Important Results

The committee said seeding clouds with silver iodide smoke from ground generators "produces results which are not spectacular or breathtaking but which can be very important to the water economy of the nation." But it found no "limits on the possibilities for weather modification." On the contrary, it saw greater control of the weather in the future.

For the time being, the committee sees no danger that commercial seeding will trigger either droughts or floods or any other weather catastrophes.—United Press.

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RUSSIA BEHIND U.S. GUIDED MISSILE RESEARCH

Ottawa, Feb. 9.

Russian guided missile development definitely is not advanced as American research, Sir Frederick Brundrett, leader of the British delegation at meetings here of the Commonwealth Advisory Committee on Defence Science, said today.

He told a news conference that Britain already had a ballistic rocket that could carry an atomic warhead from London to Berlin or Communist satellite countries.

"That is only a distance of about 300 miles, but we have rockets that could go as far as 1,600 miles," he said.

"I think it possible that the Russians might be ahead of us in this field, but they definitely are not ahead of the United States."

Not Competing

"Research on long-range missiles, capable of reaching targets several thousand miles away, has been left to the U.S."

Sir Frederick made it clear though that Britain was not trying to compete in the guided-missile race.

Describing the British missile, he said its range and target depended on the angle it was fired into the atmosphere.

"The further you want to fire it, the higher it has to go. When it's returned from the outer atmosphere to the inner atmosphere we have problems of buffeting and heat which could destroy it entirely."

Too Fast

Britain had already discarded anti-aircraft guns as obsolete for its defence system, he said.

"Modern aircraft are far too fast for them. The time is obviously coming when even manned-aircraft will be obsolete. That will take another 10 or 15 years though."

"But the modern warfare picture is not nearly as bad as people think. As soon as we start talking about guided-missiles and nuclear power, people throw their hands up in the air and say how horrible it all is."

Bulk Of Research

"Sooner or later though, there is always a defence against it. Once we know what we are up against, there is something to work on, and already we have radar that can track approaching missiles 300 miles away."

"Our policy is to put the bulk of our research effort into the offensive which is the only way to prevent wars."

The advisory committee conference, which is being held in Canada for the first time, will study problem under Arctic conditions at Fort Churchill, he said.

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Women Rush To South Africa

150 INDIANS STRANDED AT NAIROBI

Johannesburg, Feb. 9. About 150 Indian women and children are stranded at Nairobi airport, with little hope of reaching South Africa today, to beat the ban on the immigration of Indian wives into the Union of South Africa.

There were no scheduled flights to the Union from Nairobi today.

One of the immigrants who arrived here last night, a six-year-old boy named Ahmed Hassan, left Bombay on Friday last by Air India for Nairobi, and was booked on the first available seat to Johannesburg. He travelled alone to join his parents, who now live near Capetown.

Not Denied Entry

None of last night's arrivals were denied entry, but the Office of the Commissioner for Immigration and Asiatic Affairs is dealing with a number of cases of Indian women who have arrived in the Union without proper documents, in the rush to beat the ban.

Those who have no documents are declared prohibited immigrants, but they still have the right of appeal. — France-Press.

Day-Dreamer

Melbourne, Feb. 9.

A police car sped to a suburban street here recently after shoppers had telephoned to report a man taking an afternoon stroll clad only in his underpants.

When police confronted the man, he met their queries with a dazed stare. They shook him. He blinked, and asked: "Where am I?"

Police wrapped the sleep-walker in a blanket and took him home to bed. He was a night-shift worker. — China Mail Special.

81 US Servicemen In Foreign Prisons

Washington, Feb. 9. Only 81 American servicemen out of 10,249 subject to trial in foreign courts were serving sentences in foreign prisons as of November 30, the Defense Department reported today.

The Department was reporting to a Senate subcommittee on treaty arrangements by which American forces can be prosecuted in foreign courts for offenses against the laws of foreign countries, including Japan.

Prior to these treaty arrangements, the accused American was handed back to United States military authorities for disposition of the case. — China Mail Special.

Assassination Attempt Trial

Seoul, Feb. 10.

Five Korean civilians went on trial in Seoul district court on Thursday accused of taking part in a plot to assassinate President Syngman Rhee last October.

The military trial of four men seized by police only a few days before the assassination ended in December.

Two of them received death sentences, a third was sentenced to one year in prison and the fourth was declared innocent.

The five civilians being tried in district court were indicted on a minor charge of attempting to use explosives illegally.

The assassination group, investigators said, planned to kill the Republic of Korea President with hand grenades when he attended a public rally.

The civilians, headed by Kim Jae Jo, 64, are former members of the Chinese "Blue Shirt" Society, police said. — United Press.

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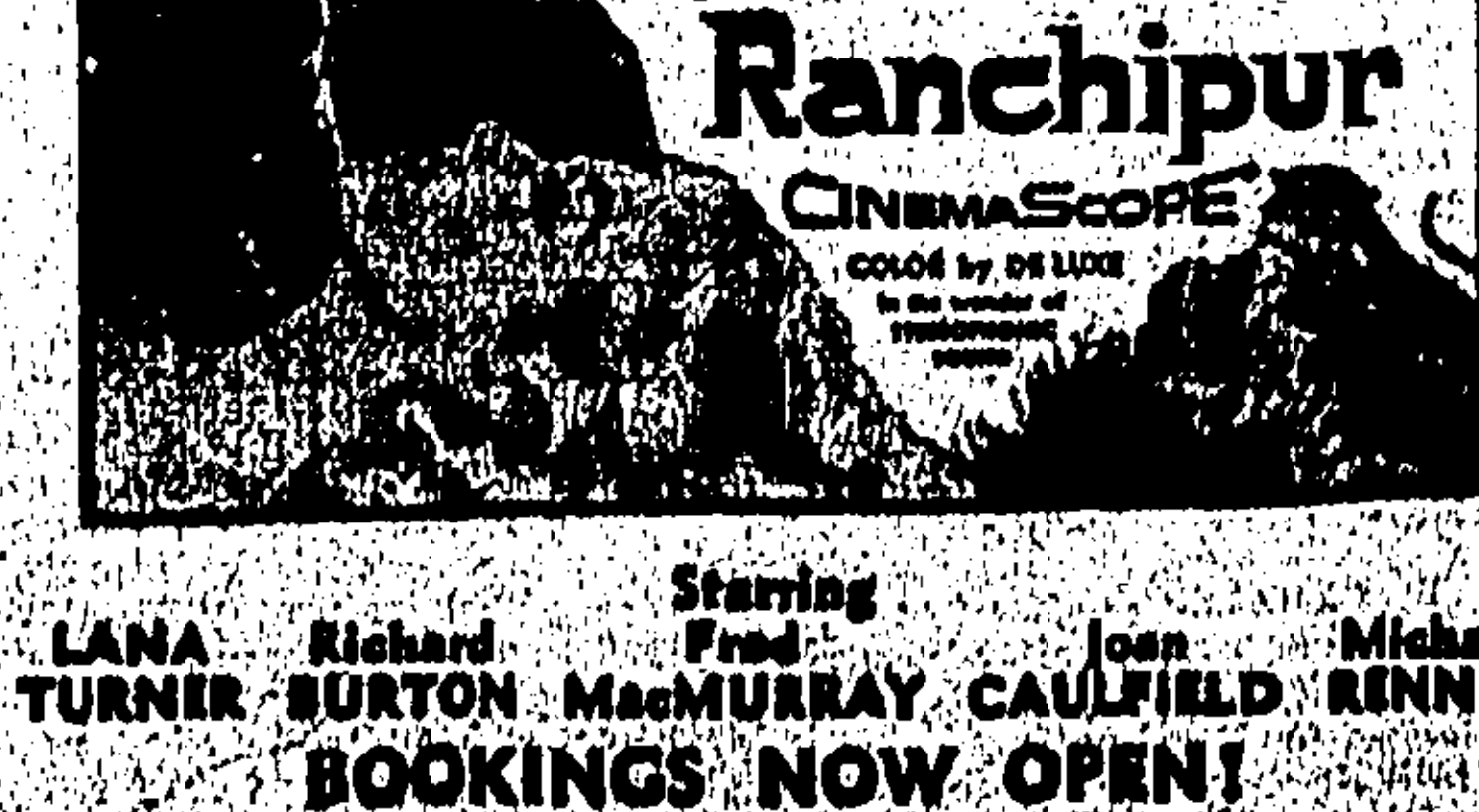
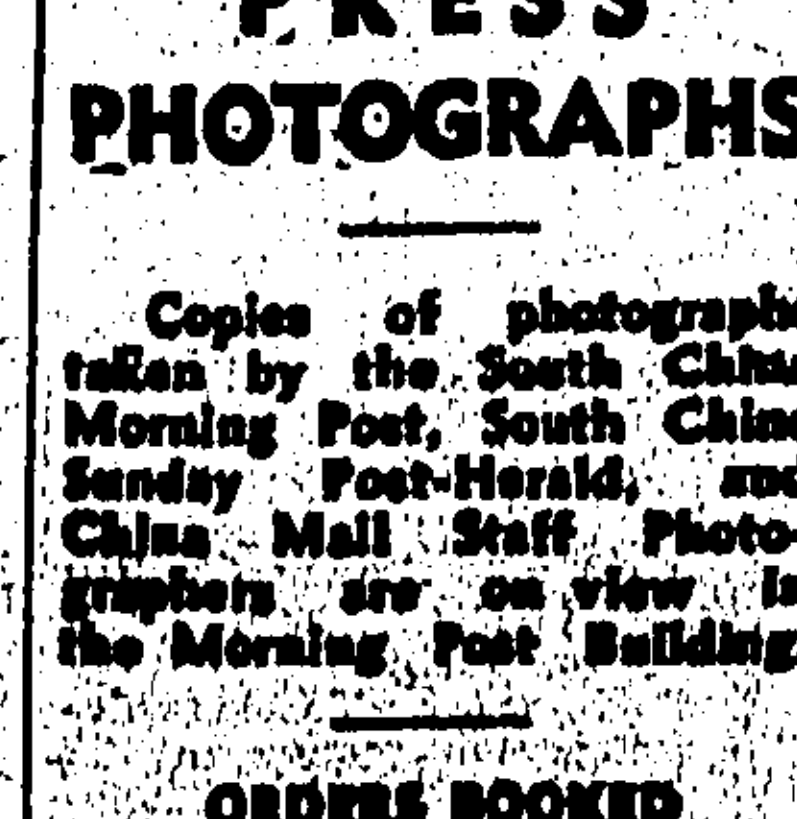
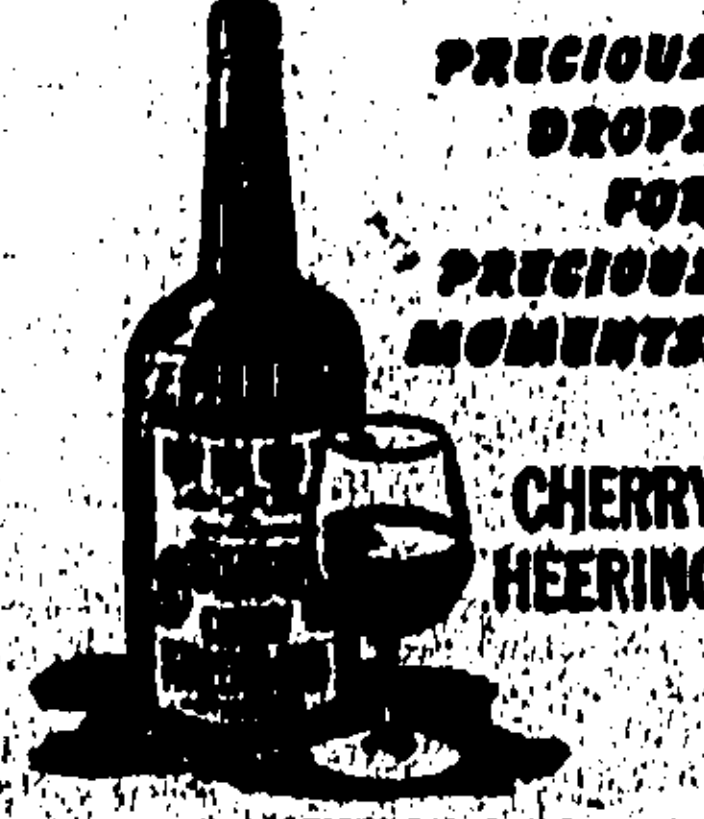
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HOW I HIRED VIVIEN—AND CHURCHILL!

THIS SERIES HAS BEEN EDITED
BY... DAVID LEWIN

A LONG the mile-long corridors of Denham Studios in the reign of Alexander Korda trotted the stars. There was Richard Tauber and his bodyguard... Gigli practicing a snatch of song... Marlene Dietrich with her chauffeur who carried a revolver... and Leslie Howard flapping along in the faded pink flannel dressing-gown he always wore.

In the studio restaurant there were more top film names than anywhere else in the world at the time. Conrad Veidt, wearing a monocle even off-duty, shared a table with an unknown Ann Todd, Ralph Richardson, and Clive Brook.

KORDA & CIGARS

WATCHING over everything was Alexander Korda himself, working 10 hours at a stretch, able to do every job, and energetically smoking 20 cigars a day. He cut out cigar smoking in the past year, but he explained to me why film magnates adopted the cigar as a symbol of their status.

"You see, I was a journalist in Hungary. As a reporter I earned £10 a month. Then I went into films and I earned £60 a month.

"But films were considered something rather lowly—more lowly than newspapers. Cigars were large and cheap at the time. We smoked cigars to show we were important and to make up for our loss of position."

Film men have gone on smoking cigars ever since.

Before the war there were other big names associated with Korda.

In a pub at Epsom Winston Churchill signed an agreement on the bar counter to write and advise on film scripts. Churchill worked on "Revolt in the Desert," the Lawrence of Arabia story which was to star Leslie Howard.

The film was never made. There were objections by the

Foreign Office... "not quite suitable at the moment." Lawrence of Arabia came to visit Korda secretly, because he wanted no one to see him. "I had to bring him in a side door at my hotel and smuggle him into the lift," said Korda.

KORDA & PADEREWSKI

CHURCHILL and Korda came down the steps at Denham one day and Churchill spotted Paderevski, the pianist, and darted over to embrace him.

Said Korda: "The two men, briefly associated at the moment with films, had just met after the Versailles Peace Treaty which Paderevski signed as the President of Poland."

At Table Five in the restaurant sat a young girl with dark hair and a striking face. Her name: Vivien Leigh.

"She came to see me first when she was unknown. I kept her waiting an hour, I think. Later I signed her and didn't waste a second then," said Korda. "I put her in a few films. She was hardly known."

"One day she came to me and said she had been invited to Hollywood to test for 'Gone With the Wind.' We had all known about 'Gone With the Wind.' It was to be a great film."

"I didn't believe Vivien could have been invited. So little known. But she made up her mind to get that part. And she did. She worked to perfect that accent of the American South every day."

KORDA & WALLACE

"SHE has driving passion," Vivien. She will outlive any criticism that is made of her and she is a most co-operative girl. No temperamental. None of my stars had temperamental. A little difficult at times, yes. But temperamental, never. The good artists are never temperamental—only the not so good."

Korda believed vigorously in the Empire. He bought the Edgar Wallace story and made "Sanders of the River."

"We even brought Africans to England and put them in camps not far from the studio."

It was unheard of in those days to have a camp of Africans in the English countryside.

One day an extra reported anxiously to Korda: "I think we have a case of leprosy in the camp, sir." The production department phoned the local medical officer of health with the news. "Wait a while," said the health officer, "I'll tell you what to do."

A few minutes later he phoned the Korda office again. "It is all right," he said. "Don't worry. Leprosy isn't a contagious disease in this district."

Those were the days when the elite film for Korda, Denham was known as "The Eton of British Films."

"Do not imagine it was all easy or all success," said Korda to me one day. "Anyone can make a success in the show business. The problem is how to survive your success, how to build on it. The man who writes one film volume is seldom a great writer."

"So in films one success is not enough. You need to have the courage to fail. People should not be afraid of failure. They should have the courage to nurse a success and then forget it and move on to something else. Never think of what's done—think of what's to do."

KORDA & FAIRBANKS

"I MADE 'Henry VIII,' and it to England and put them in camps not far from the studio."

"I brought over Douglas Fairbanks, son, to film in 'The Private Life of Don Juan.' He was at the top of his career. A fairy-tale star. What did I do with him? I put him in my worst failure. But I was already building a new bridge to success with 'Scarlet Pimpernel.'"

"Making 'Don Juan' taught me a lesson. Let me show you."

I walked with him to a corner of his office. He picked up a small framed picture. "Here is a souvenir I carry with me always," he said.

The picture showed a Paris street. In it is a peeling tattered poster announcing "Charles Laughton in 'The Private Life of Henry VIII.' The poster is tacked to the side of a French street lavatory."

Korda smiled. "There it is to remind me of what comes after glory."

NEXT

LIFE ON KORDA'S YACHT...

The Soviets are making the most of this "voluntary withdrawal from the last Russian base on foreign soil."

A propaganda campaign from the Kremlin urges Britain and America

to follow Moscow's example and get out of their overseas bases.

On his mission of investigation far to the north of Porkkala—a mission to the Arctic circle—Rene MacColl has come across two im-

portant discoveries—which tell a different Soviet story.

It is the story of a giant air base and of a railway which has not been used—yet.

WHERE A WHISTLE BLAST MIGHT MEAN WAR

By RENE MacCOLL

NO trains run on a stretch of railway line which extends from Kemijarvi, in Finland's Arctic zone, eastward to her frontier with Russia.

Under the terms of their peace treaty with the Russians after World War II the Finns were ordered to build this line.

They completed it in 1954. Now the line is unused because it goes to no town and, in peacetime, serves no useful purpose.

Slave labour

But just across the Soviet frontier there is another railroad. It is the end of a railway pointing westward and built by Russian slave labour.

And if the brief gap between the two lines were to be filled (which would take military engineers only half an hour or two) the Russian railway would become one and the same.

What then? From bases sited in former Finnish territory now annexed by the Soviets, Russia would be able to sweep along this conveniently linked-up railway—pinching Finland in two and emerging at the town of Kemijarvi on the Gulf of Bothnia, and right on the Swedish border.

Perhaps it is a coincidence that Communist influence is strong in busy, industrial Kemijarvi—perhaps not.

The threat

But once in Kemijarvi the Russians could—

1. Threaten the immensely important and valuable Swedish iron ore mines at Kiruna nearby.

2. Advance rapidly northward using excellent motor roads along the Torneo river to take the Norwegian port of Narvik (of last war fame) and outflank any NATO positions or installations which may exist in Norway's far North Cape.

But even more significant is the existence in Russia,

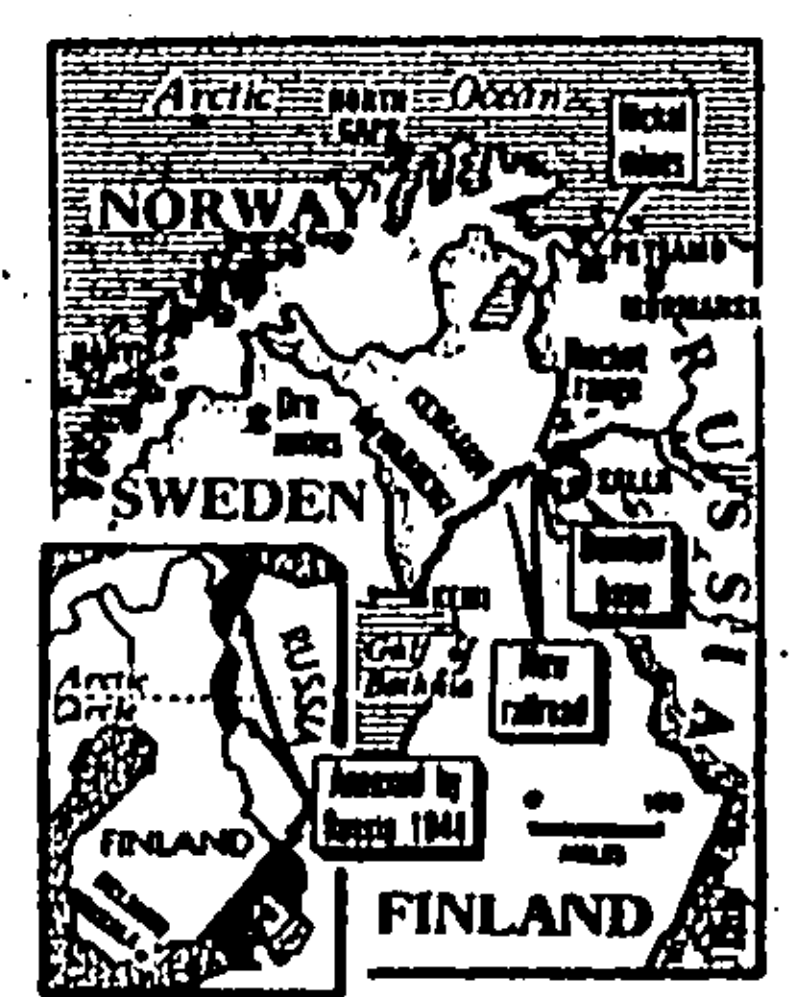
not very far from the Finnish border, of what seems to be one of the biggest and best-guarded heavy bomber bases in the world.

This base lies in Salla, one of the border regions forcibly annexed by Russia after the last war.

Around it are some of the heaviest concentrations of radar, ack-ack, and jet fighters in western Russia.

The Salla base constitutes a dual threat. From it bombers could attack the United Kingdom or take off along the "roof of the world" route over the

North Pole, to paste Detroit, Chicago, Pittsburgh, and Washington.



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Taking the air at ten shillings a time: COAL-BLACK FLYERS GO GREY

By DUDLEY HAWKINS

FLYING tribesmen are the latest addition to the East Africa's list of airborne oddities. First there were flying farmers, then flying doctors, flying wives and flying padres—and now primitive Africans have discovered the thrill of a bird's-eye view of their villages and the eerie sensation of whizzing through the clouds.

The sunbaked airports at Entebbe, in Uganda, and Kisumu, in Kenya—both on the shores of giant Lake Victoria—are the Mecca of scores of Africans seeking a ride in the iron "noddies" (birds). They come for miles, from their dim thatched huts, unchanged in style for hundreds of years, sometimes wearing little more than antelope skin loincloths and a string of coloured beads to slip into a modern American light aircraft—and be whisked into the sky.

SMALL FORTUNE

In three days at Entebbe, charter pilots earned a small fortune, at about 10 shillings a time, from natives sampling the joys of the sky. I watched them, from the apron of the sun-scoured airport, as a little silver plane taxied up, two dark-skinned, bearded men at the head of the queue gazed at the cloud-studded sky and began

to think twice. But the jets behind drove them into the open door, to seats behind and next to the grinning pilot.

"Africans really enjoy it," said Captain N.E. Waugh, who took many for brief flights at Kisumu. "Their conversation on landing is worth hearing. They explain how small everything looks and how green the country is."

"Some of them wouldn't feel so good if I kept them up there for longer. While Europeans turn green, these coal-black chaps go slightly grey."

But back they come for more, with 10 shillings out of the tin box buried in the banana plantation or borrowed from father or a friend. Some have knocked up over an hour's flying.

"To the really raw Africans from the bush, it's almost a miracle. They have long been awed by birds, and some tribes consider birds as sort of gods because of their ability to fly. Now they think differently. A man who's been in the air is quite a hero when he returns to his village. One man was really primitive. I had to persuade him to leave his spear behind or he may have poked a hole through the fuselage in his exuberance!"

At a recent air show in Tanganyika, held at a temporary strip cleared from the bush, it was announced that Africans could buy rides in the sky. The plane landed but could not take off again—it was completely surrounded by hundreds of

Africans all frantically waving 10 shilling notes.

The day will come soon in East Africa, say charter firms, when flying will be commonplace for Africans. Particularly since the war, aviation has made enormous strides in these territories of vast distances across inhospitable bush and jungle. As Africans play a greater part in trade, so they travel more, and so they will abandon their donkeys, buses and bicycles and step into a passenger aircraft at the nearest airport or bush landing strip.

NEW LOVE

"Already they can thank planes for bringing them the goods," an official of an airline told me in Nairobi. "Freighters are carrying brightly-coloured cloth, medicines, food, seed, bicycles, radios, policemen, beer and beads to dozens of remote markets. The arrival of a chartered aircraft is like the arrival of the postman."

One pilot, however, is somewhat disgruntled by the Africans' new love for flying. "I come down for my passenger at Entebbe, and what do you think climb aboard? A full-blown, wizened and smelly witch-doctor, draped in horns, teeth, calabashes, skins and bones. He reckoned that if everybody else in his village had flown while he hadn't, he would be taking a fall and considered a mere mortal once more. Such is the sign of the times."

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER

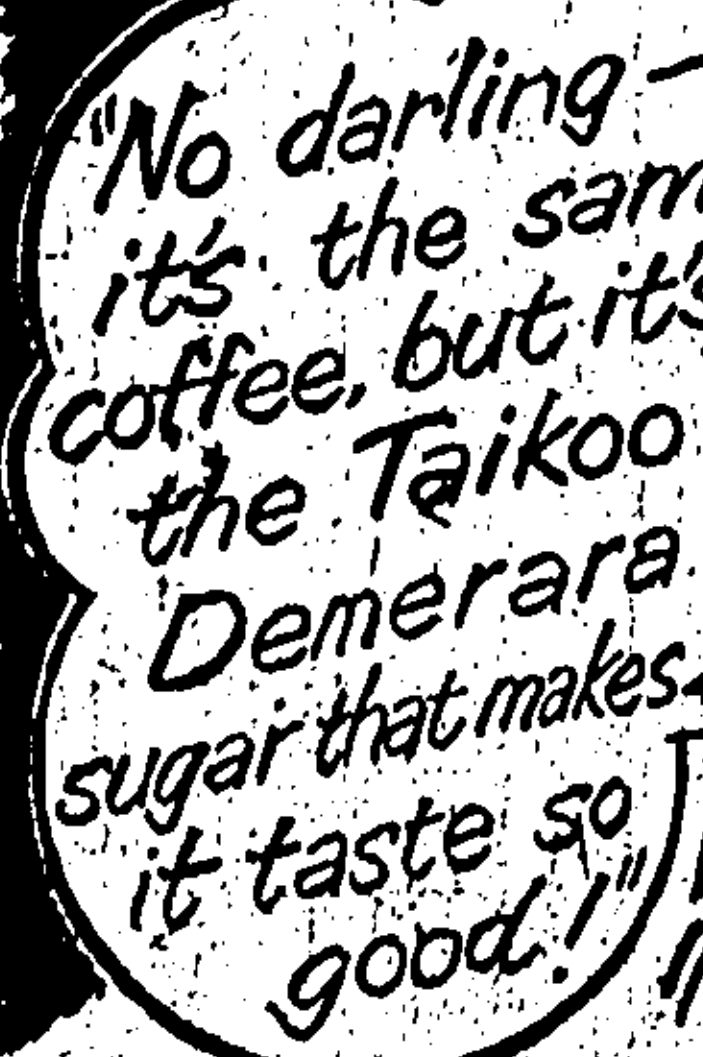


"There, you see, darling! I've said all along you were exaggerating about Cyprus—why, Anthony Head says it's as safe as Piccadilly!"

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SOUTH KOREAN SOCCER TEAM CANCEL TOUR

The South Korean National Soccer Association in a cable yesterday informed the Hongkong Football Association of their inability to visit Hongkong for a series of matches over the Chinese New Year holidays. The cable read "Deeply regret unable to visit Hongkong owing to unavoidable circumstances. Letter follows." Mr. Lee Come-luck, South Korean representative on the HKFA, in a last attempt to bring the Koreans over has sent a letter and also telephoned them. The Korean Consul in Hongkong has also cabled his native land urging the team not to cancel the tour. The Hongkong FA sent a cable to the South Korean FA asking them to cable a reply before 4 p.m. this afternoon. The Interport Sub-Committee meets again today at 4.30 p.m.

ABC Staging Boxing Tournament

At a Committee Meeting of the Hongkong Amateur Boxing Association held at the Mission to Seamen yesterday, Major A. C. Walker, who was in the chair, turned down a request from Mr. F. L. Marcell to stage a charity boxing tournament.

Major Walker stated that Mr. Marcell was not a member of any affiliated club and as the Association's constitution stated that only affiliated members or clubs could be permitted to stage any bout, he was forced to reject the request.

The Chinese Gymnasium Association in a letter requested permission to withdraw from the Association. Major Walker then directed the Hon. Sec. Mr. F. J. Wakeford, to write to the club asking them to reconsider this decision.

A letter from the Amateur Boxing Club requesting permission to stage a series of bouts with the Combined Brigade (New Territories) on March 3 at the Southern Playground was read to the meeting. This date was however changed to March 10 after a discussion of other boxing matches taking place around that period.

12-BOUT CARD

Permission was granted to the Amateur Boxing Club, provided they abided by the Association's rules of using 25% of their own boxes. The card will be of 12 bouts, and they must submit a list of boxes to the Association 14 days before the fight.

Mr. Karel Weiss, a representative of the ABC, informed the meeting that he has received verbal information from a Korean friend that some five amateur Korean boxers would like to come to Hongkong to fight against the ABC.

As Mr. Weiss has not received any further confirmation from the Korean authorities he was advised by the Committee to write to the Korean Association.

The next meeting was tentatively fixed for March 6 at the Mission to Seamen at 5 p.m.

Owners Place £5000 Limit On Yearlings

Many racehorse owners have decided to put a £4000-to-£5000 limit on their yearling purchases. They maintain that the odds against any horse bought in excess of £5000 proving a success are such as to make the gamble too hazardous.

These owners have the record books to support them, but it must be remembered that the price of horses of all ages is going up and up, due to the remarkable interest taken by the Americans.

Here it is interesting and significant to examine the 10 highest-priced yearlings of 1954 because they have had the opportunity of one year's racing.

WORTH MORE

The top price, Marmoulin (17,500 guineas), was bought by Mrs. Elizabeth Graham. The filly won a £1,500 race at York and is at present worth more than her purchase price.

Rain Cloud (16,500 guineas), a filly bought by Ali Khan, had a walk-over at Bath but has not gone down in value.

Bronze Venus (10,500 guineas), a filly by Alycidon, has not yet run. Testament (8,800 guineas), a Fair Trial filly, has won her only race. She has been difficult to train but is a fine foundation mare for only one and is now worth more than her purchase price.

Indian Game (8,200 guineas) was bought by Mr. H. J. Joel and won her only race with great ease. She is worth a great deal more than her purchase price.

Therefore at the end of their two-year-old careers the five highest priced fillies four have not gone down in value and have almost certainly gone up. When it is their turn to go to stud their two-year-old careers will still count in their favour.

Soccer League Standings

The following are the league standings up to and including February 5, 1956.

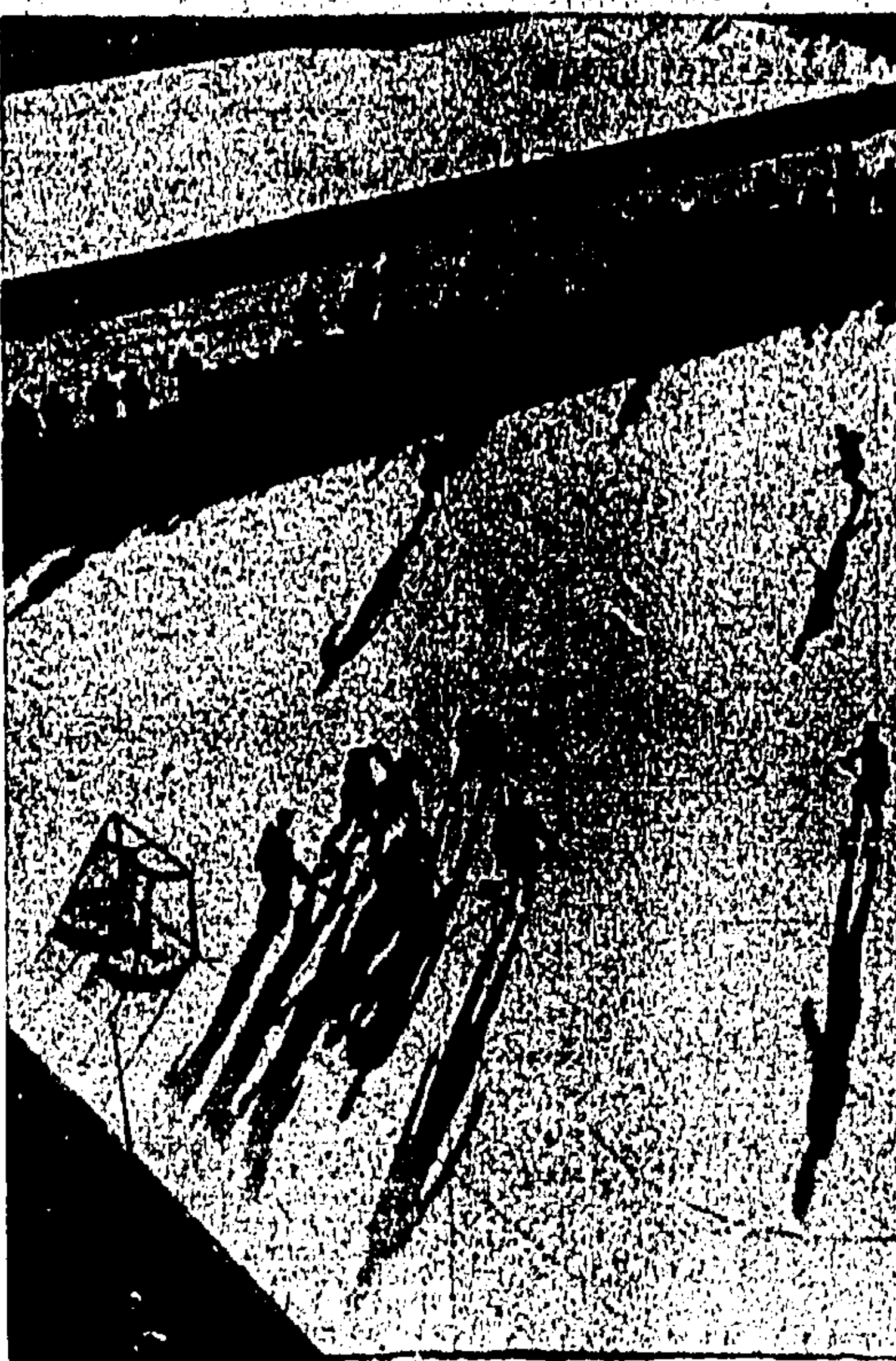
First Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South China	19	10	1	2	110	28	21
K.M.B.	17	13	2	2	90	28	20
Sing Tao	15	10	2	3	83	22	22
K.M.C.	15	8	2	4	51	30	18
C.N.A.	16	7	2	7	54	40	16
Army	16	7	2	7	40	38	16
Navy	16	6	1	9	40	33	13
St. Joseph's	16	6	0	10	31	63	12
R.A.F.	15	5	1	9	34	41	11
Kowloon	15	4	2	10	30	32	10
Police	15	4	2	10	32	39	9
St. Joseph's Club	15	4	1	10	16	76	1
Second Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kitchener	10	12	4	0	54	13	28
South China	19	13	2	2	57	20	28
K.M.B.	17	13	2	2	43	29	27
Jardines	10	11	3	2	43	29	27
Sing Tao	10	7	3	0	40	19	19
Army	10	7	3	0	50	34	17
Eastern	17	7	3	7	40	33	17
C.N.A.	18	6	3	9	40	41	14
Police	18	6	3	9	40	41	14
Tung Wah	19	4	4	10	30	37	12
St. Joseph's Club	17	2	2	13	17	65	6
St. Joseph's Club	17	2	1	10	14	91	1
Third Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
R.A.M.C.	14	9	4	1	64	21	22
Praeger	13	9	2	2	40	17	20
C.M.B.	12	9	1	2	39	17	19
Little Saigon	15	8	2	5	38	33	17
Duckett	14	7	3	4	34	30	17
K.M.C.	13	7	4	0	30	14	16
R.E.M.E.	10	7	4	0	30	14	16
Gymnasium	12	5	3	4	30	23	13
Taiwan	14	5	4	0	30	12	12
Trailways	14	4	4	0	30	12	12
Solicitors	14	2	3	0	24	41	7
Telephones	15	2	3	10	25	56	7
Dairy Farm	15	2	3	10	11	58	2
Fourth Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
B & S	15	12	3	0	50	14	27
Road Works	12	10	2	0	35	10	20
R.I.L.	14	9	2	3	35	10	17
Caroline Hill	13	8	1	4	30	17	17
H.K. Aircraft	14	8	1	5	35	20	17
Tamar	13	7	2	4	32	14	16
Watsons	11	5	2	4	22	10	11
Hollandia	11	5	2	4	22	10	11
Kin. Godowns	13	5	0	8	20	38	10
University	13	3	0	10	12	56	6
Rediffusion	13	2	0	11	11	53	4
Lane Crawford	11	0	1	10	5	50	1

VISITING TABLE TENNIS STARS



Douglas Carlland (left) and Martin Reisman, visiting Canadian-American table tennis stars, pictured in exhibition matches at the Southern Playground on Tuesday against Hongkong's Sui-chu and Lau Pak-fong. The visitors won 19-21, 10-21, 21-17, 21-10, 21-12. — China Mail Photo.

OLYMPIC ICE HOCKEY



An overhead shot taken during the recent Olympic ice hockey match between the USA and Poland at Cortina, Italy. The USA won 4-0. — Express Photo.

World's First Big Game Hunting Competition Next July In Belgian Congo

Cups and medals are to be won in the world's first big-game hunting competition to be held next July and August in the Belgian Congo's Luama reserve.

They will go to the gun-toting hunters, who, after a seven-day shoot in the "abundantly stocked" game reserve bring in the best specimen of an elephant, buffalo, water buck, swala, giant forest hog or a hippopotamus.

According to a Belgian Congo tourist official in Brussels applications to take part in the competition are pouring in. They are coming from hunters in America, Britain, Spain, Africa and India. "The Indians are fervent big-game hunters, you know," he said.

Anybody can join the hunt. According to the rules there is nothing to stop you using an anti-tank gun or a howitzer, but pea-shooters and catapults are barred.

There are, of course, certain official limitations. You must pay your own return fare to the Belgian Congo hunting grounds. There is an entrance fee of £14—which included the cost of a temporary life insurance policy.

Cost of a big-game hunting licence is £24.

HUNTING FEE

Hunting fee to be paid to the keepers of the reserve is £9—£1, 0-0 and 9-1 to Jamal Din, the Indian Champion.

The other quarter-final ended unfortunately when Nasrullah Khan (Pakistan) had to retire with an injured knee when trailing 5-0, 2-7 against the top seed, Easikim Khan.—France-Press.

PEREZ WILL NOT DEFEND TITLE AGAINST DOWER

Buenos Aires, Feb. 10. Pascual Perez of Argentina, the World Flyweight Boxing Champion, will not defend his title against Welshman Dai Dower in London because of the "lack of impartiality" shown by a British referee in the Kid Gavilan (Cuba)-Peter Waterman (Britain) bout on Tuesday. Perez's manager announced last night.

Lazaro Koel said he had broken off talks with British promoter Jack Solomons, who had offered £9,000 to Perez to defend his title in London, because of Tuesday's verdict.

It was also learned in Buenos Aires last night that Imreol Pace, the Argentine promoter, had offered a return match to Waterman and Gavilan to be refereed by an Argentinian at Laura Park here.

In a communique, Pace referred to the British referee's decision as "the most extraordinary scandal in the sporting world for some time."

Perez, spectators and critics were unsympathetic against Ben Green's decision, giving Waterman a point win over Gavilan in a 10-round non-title fight.

Gavilan, former World welterweight champion, appeared to dominate his British rival in at least seven of the 10 rounds.

Price for shooting one elephant is £30; for a hippo, £14. A European guide will cost you £18 a day. Additional native bearers on the hunting trek are cheap—the official price list sets them at only 3s. 6d. a day.

But you must not be too ambitious. The rules are strict. A hunter must not shoot more than one elephant, two buffaloes, one water buck, two swalas, two forest hogs and one hippopotamus.

Don't be afraid. You can carry five guns—but things like small shot and buckshot are forbidden.

To shoot an elephant or a hippo you must use a rifle of a bore of at least 8.3 millimetres. And no bore less than 8 millimetres may be used for shooting antelope (swala and water buck) and giant forest hogs.

And if competitors want to hunt other animals? According to the rules "the shooting of lions and leopards is authorised during the competition period."

Provision is also made for bringing home the trophies. Cleaning and curing of trophies—according to size 3s. 6d. to 15s. 6d. a piece, would-be hunters are informed.

No medals were offered, however, to those who prefer to do their "shooting" with a camera.

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Special Ski Jumping Event Cancelled

Garmisch, Feb. 9. The international trials for special ski jumping which had been arranged for this afternoon at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, were cancelled owing to a violent snow-storm which made it impossible to hold the competition.—France-Press.



HOW TO BE VERY, VERY POPULAR OWN A HOUSE IN PALM SPRINGS

Says MICHAEL RUDDY

Beverly Hills. We drove down the desert road beyond Palm Springs, Brian Aherne and I. Overhead were the clear blue heavens and the heat shimmered off the foothills. Suddenly we were in the date-ranch country and Aherne said, "I like this country, I've bought 1,500 acres, not very expensive. The crops are dates, carrots and seedless grapes." That was in 1937. He built a thick-walled adobe house there and spent long weekends working with his tractors and graders.

Last week at MGM Studios where he was doing "boops" (dialogue over action) for "The Swan," the man from Birmingham casually said, "Remember that little ranch of mine near Palm Springs? I've just sold it for forty-five thousand pounds which is about five times what I paid for it."

This is typical of the extraordinary growth in value of land in and around Palm Springs, winter resort 110 miles from Hollywood, sheltered by snow-capped mountains two miles high, warmed by clear sunshine, smog-free, but crowded in the season.

Around Thunderbird Golf Course, Bing Crosby, Dezi and Lucy, Martin and Lewis, Frank Sinatra, Clark Gable and Fred Astaire have huge homes, with standard equipment—swimming-pool, cabanas, barbecues, and a minimum of four guest rooms. When you own a home at Palm Springs you suddenly find yourself very popular!

A GOLD MINE

More than 25 years ago, Charles Farrell and Ralph Bellamy were partners in the Racquet Club. Now it is owned by Farrell who aside from a weekly TV show has retired from acting. It has proved a gold-mine for the former star of the silent days. He employs 150 to run the club's restaurants, three bars, four tennis courts, two swimming pools, twenty-one bungalows.

Charlie is also Mayor of Palm Springs, heads the Annual Rodeo-Circus Week. Big deal. Big money which is what you need for a week in the sun at Palm Springs.

Newest development is the Blue Skies Trailer (Caravan) Park. Owned by Jack Benny, Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, G. Cooper, H. Bogart and a score of Palm Springs investors. Blue Skies Park charges forty guineas a month for car and caravan. This includes use of swimming pool, solarium and clubhouse.

And it's the only Park in the world that has a Rolls-Royce pulling a caravan.

If Errol Flynn stays out of America for longer than five years—and short trips back don't count, he may lose his passport. A naturalised citizen,

Hobart-born, Flynn may do an adventure film, "Taharbul," (re-make of another Eastern yarn), at Universal for a small cash salary to cover him for 90 days, a required sojourn. Meanwhile his lawyers are trying to settle with the first two Mrs. Flynn about moneys owing.

Far from pleased is Joan Collins about her ex-husband, Maxwell Reed. Tired of waiting for a divorce, he's working in TV films but Joan wishes he'd go home.

I was extremely annoyed with Liberman's poor taste when he announced on his TV show that when he goes to London for a concert, he'll ask Princess Margaret for a date!

A sign on the door of a Hollywood spiritualist: "Please ring the bell. Knocking causes confusion."

SUPERB SINGING

Next for Mario Lanza—a musical re-make of "Golden Boy." Mario's the Golden Boy at Wamblers these days. "Serenade" now being scored will bring back Mario in great voice. I've listened to some of the arias he sings. They are indeed superb singing. Now if he can act as well, "Serenade" should do the trick.

Among the many cables of congratulations received by Grace Kelly for landing a prince was one from Ava Gardner in Madrid. I'm sure she'll be asked to the wedding.

Strolling down quiet Lexington Avenue in Beverly Hills, I met Jeanne Crain and husband, Paul Brinkman, looking at a white brick house. "Hello, Michael. Our new home," said Jeanne. "We've just bought this house" and I'll have to do the moving in while she's working in "The Fastest Gun Alive!" said Paul. Their neighbours are Desi and Lucy Arpaiz, Rosemary Clooney and Jose Ferrer, the James Stewarts, the James

Masons and the Jack Bennys. All nice people to drop in on for a cup of tea.

Since the engagement of Miss Kelly to Prince Rainier III of Monaco, "Your Eyes are the Eyes of a Woman in Love" has soared to the top of the hit parade. It's the disk jockey's delight.

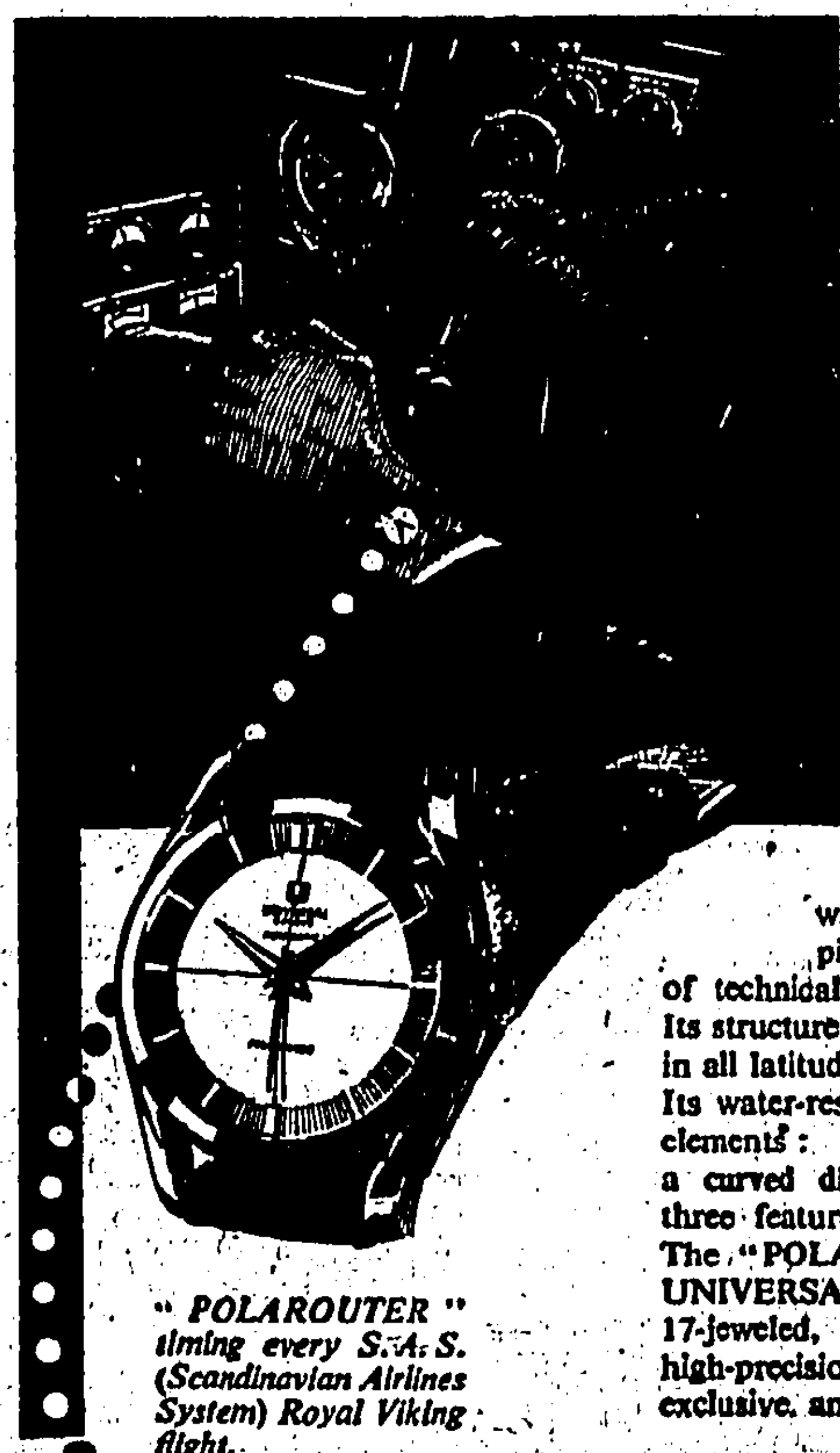
Apparently Martin and Lewis have forgiven the British press and critics as they blandly announced last week on the set of "Partners" that they were returning to the Palladium this summer and might even do a tour of the provinces. Anything goes—as long as they are funny.

In most of their films, I find Jerry invariably funny, crazy, a zany with a marvellous sense of pantomime and the ridiculous. But Dean Martin often looks as if his singing is in the nature of doing you a favour.

ALL THAT TALENT The latest on Princess Kelly: "D'you realise she didn't consult MGM and he didn't consult Elsa Maxwell?"—and "Imagine wasting all this publicity on a girl with all that talent!"

For the most honest actress of the week, I cite Deborah Kerr. "I can sing but not good enough to record," she told me. "My low notes are all right but all the high ones will be dubbed in by a professional singer."

Two stars are without clothes this week. Burt Lancaster looked the homes of Ginger Rogers and Kirk Douglas. Ginger lost furs and jewels as well. Insurance companies are fed up with these robberies, which seem to run in series and always look like "inside jobs." But we don't need Scotland Yard to solve the crime. With in 24 hours there was a tip from the underworld. Police from Los Angeles and Beverly Hills moved fast and the gang was in clinic.



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Head Office of the Corpora-
tion, 1 Queen's Road, Central,
Hong Kong, on Friday, the
16th day of March, 1956, at
Noon for the purpose of
receiving and considering the
reports of the Directors and
of the Auditors and of the
Profit and Loss Account and
Balance Sheet for the year
ended 31st December, 1955,
and for the election of Directors
and fixing their remuneration
and the appointment of Auditors.

THE REGISTER OF
SHARES of the Corporation
will be closed from Friday,
the 2nd of March to Friday,
the 16th of March, 1956,
(both days inclusive) during
which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
MICHAEL W. TURNER,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 10th Jan., 1956.

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CHINA, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that the Fourteenth
Ordinary General Meeting of
the Company will be held at
the Registered Office of the
Company, Hongkong & Shang-
hai Bank Building, Hongkong,
on Monday, the twenty-seventh
day of February, 1956 at
9.30 a.m. to receive the Direc-
tors' Report and Statement of
Accounts for the period 1st
May, 1954 to 30th April, 1955,
to elect Directors, to appoint
Auditors and to transact any
other ordinary business of
the Company.

The Transfer Books and
Register of Members of the
Company will be closed from
Monday, the 13th day of
February, 1956 to Monday, the
twenty-seventh day of
February, 1956 both days
inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
K. T. WONG,
Attending Secretary.
8th February 1956.

Marine Commandos Make Archaeological Discovery In Cyprus

Nicosia, Feb. 9.
British Marine Commandos, searching
Cyprus mountains for terrorist hideouts, have
made a major contribution to the island's
archaeology—and also found what appears to be
the island's first cave of any magnitude.

Late in December, the Commandos were on
an anti-terrorist assignment in the northern
mountain range 2,000 feet up, on the northern
side of Mount Kornos, at the extreme western
end of the mountain range.

They were looking for man-
made caves, which the Cyprus
terrorists are known to be using
to hide wanted men and to store
arms.

The Commandos found a
narrow cave entrance. Point-
ing their step guns, they
rushed inside. But on investi-
gation it was established that
while the cave contained
nothing illicit, it had neverthe-
less been used by man about
1,200 years ago.

Chamber System

The soldiers had stumbled on
a hitherto unknown archaeo-
logical exhibit which, experts
say, may help to clarify one of
the more obscure periods of
Cyprus history.

The find was immediately re-
ported to the Cyprus Museum
authorities, and a scouting
party was sent to have a look
at the cave. They found a
complicated system of inter-
communicating passages and
chambers, beautifully decorated
with stucco and statuettes.

At a number of points with-
in the cave, earthenware vessels
dating back to the 7th century
AD were discovered.

Both the Commandos and the
scouting party lost their bearings
in the tortuous passages of
the cave and had some diffi-
culty in finding the exit.

To avoid such predicaments
in further exploration, the De-
partment of Antiquities ap-
pealed for volunteer assistance
from people experienced in
cave research.

Fuller Exploration

A number of British service-
men, amateur speleologists, came
forward, and yet another ex-
ploration of the cave was begun.

This time, the explorers were
equipped with miners' helmets
and lights supplied by the
Cyprus Mines Corporation, an
American-owned mining concern
in Cyprus.

The party, comprising two
archaeologists and six speleolo-
gists, divided its attention be-
tween a fuller exploration of
the intricacies of the cave and
making sketch plans and flash-
light photographs of the interior
of the cave.

A large number of pots and
other articles were discovered
and brought to the museum in
Nicosia. With a variety of
earthenware, such as bowls,
jugs and water jars, a terracotta
lamp with flame-blackened
nozzle was found, together with
a small number of iron tools,
including a sickle.

Most Important

There was also a beautifully
preserved bronze fitting, which
may have been used to hang a
lamp from the roof of the
passage in which it was found.

A statement issued by the
museum says that the earthen-
ware vessels found inside the
cave are of considerable in-
terest and importance, since it
is most unusual to discover
complete examples from this
particular period in the history
of Cyprus.

Their discovery, the Museum
said, will greatly assist the
identification of fragments of
similar pots found in the course
of excavation or in surface
surveys in other parts of
Cyprus.

According to archaeologists,
a preliminary study of the
vases and other finds suggests
that they must have been

NOTICE

BANK HOLIDAYS

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Hongkong, 9th February, 1956.

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Round-up At Richmond



PAYS HIS DEBT IN BLOOD

Johannesburg, Feb. 9.
Mr Leo Fransman, who faints
at the sight of blood, regularly
gives a pint of blood to the
Johannesburg blood bank. The
attendants keep a bed ready for
him so that he can recover in
comfort.

Mr Fransman gives his blood
out of gratitude to the service
that saved the lives of his wife
and child.

His wife received six pints of
blood on the birth of their first
child. Their second child needed
a complete replacement trans-
fusion.—China Mail Special.

Fireman's Fires

Ax-En-Provence, Feb. 9.
Fernand Gondolo, a volunteer
fireman, today was sentenced to
six months in prison for setting
brush and woods fire in order
to make work for himself.

The examining magistrate's
report said he had admitted set-
ting fires in order to get the
usual bonus for fighting fires.—
France-Press.

W. German Reds After Key Union Positions

Bonn, Feb. 9.
Government leaders here believe that
West German Communists will this year
step up their efforts to capture key
positions in works councils and trade
unions.

They base their belief partly on the
Soviet statement at the Geneva Foreign
Ministers' conference that the "social
achievements" of Communist East
Germany must be accepted in West
Germany as a condition of reunification.

Observers here, however, do
not think Communist efforts
likely to make much headway
here.

The great majority of West
German workers are strongly anti-
Communist in the last federal
elections, in 1953, the Com-
munist Party lost all its 13
seats in the Lower House.

The West German Ministry
for All-German Affairs says in
a report that during 1955 the
Communists, directed from
East Germany, increased their
efforts to regain a footing here.
Their efforts, it adds, were to
a large extent concentrated in
industry in case the Govern-
ment succeeded in its plea to
the Federal Constitutional
Court to ban the party.

In Contrast

Communists, organized in at
least 1,700 active factory
groups, states the report, are
trying to undermine labour
relations and make the situa-
tion "ripe for revolution."

But the Ministry's efforts and
those of voluntary organiza-
tions in exposing Communist
intentions prevented note-
worthy Communist successes.

In contrast, Dr Gerhard
Schroeder, the Minister for the
Interior, said in the official
Government Bulletin recently
that several Communist suc-
cesses in works council elections
in large firms had "severely

shaken" the thesis that
economic prosperity, full em-
ployment and improvement in
living standards were sufficient
to protect a people against
the "poison of revolutionary
agitation."

The West German Industry
Institute, an employee's publicly
organization, said recently that
Communists held 5.2 per cent
of the seats in the country's
works councils, compared with
four per cent a year ago.

One Reason

The most striking Communist
success was at the Westfalen-
hütte steelworks in Dortmund,
generally regarded as one of the
most progressive firms in the
country.

On December 3, 1955, the
Westfalenhütte's 13,000 workers
elected 10 Communists to the
works council of 23, which
previously had had a Social
Democratic majority.

One reason for the Commu-
nist success was that the 47.2
per cent of the workers who
voted for Social Democratic and
allied candidates spread their
vote over 400 many candidates.
This enabled the Communists,
who polled 40.2 per cent, to
gain the majority of seats by
concentrating on a selected
group of candidates.

The independent newspaper,
Die Welt, which carried out a
detailed survey of the election,
declared that there were no
more than 150 active Commu-
nists in the works.

Some of the active Commu-
nists in West German industry
are men specially trained in
East Germany.

Other Reasons

The Social Democratic Neue
Rhein Zeitung reported recently
that some of these men had
been "imprisoned" for short
periods in East Germany to
make it easier for them to be
allowed into West Germany as
political refugees.

Other reasons advanced for
the Socialist defeat at the West-
falenhütte were the apathy of
the previous works council and
the fact that the Socialist chair-
man of the council rode about
in a big limousine placed at his
disposal by the works.

Many experts believe that the
real answer to the Communist
lies with industry itself.
Herr Dirk Catterpool, Social
Welfare manager of the Demag
engineering company at Duss-
eldorf, concluded in a recent
book that the well-paid worker
wants to be a responsible, in-
formed, co-operating part of
the whole set-up.

Smack Of Charity?

He said that employers and
managers should consider
whether their welfare measures
smacked of charity. "Isolated
measures concerned with pay
have no effect on the atmos-
phere within the firm, unless
they are tied to the firm's
strength to a relation based
on mutual confidence; infor-
mation on how the firm is faring,
good relations with workers'
representatives, appointment of
the chairman of the works
council as a member of the
firm's board of management or
as a director," Herr Catterpool
said.

He urged more firms to adopt
the system already laid down
by law in the West German
coal and steel industries under
which a representative infor-
mative is made one of the firm's
managers of such concern.

The other two are the works
manager and the technical
manager.

Were Successful

A few other firms have also
introduced this practice, which
in essence is that with a
general or both types of
managers. Catterpool said that
much depended, however, on
the type of man elected to these
posts.

The Communists were suc-
cessful in the Westfalenhütte
because of the fact that the
works council was in a weak
position.—China Mail Special.

Little Interest In Asian Alliance

Seoul, Feb. 10.
Republic of Korea officials to-
day showed little interest in the
idea of creating a tripartite
military alliance among Na-
tionalist China, South Korea and
South Vietnam.

A spokesman for the ROK
Foreign Ministry told United
Press that "We have never
been informed of or approached
for such an alliance."

But he added that if the
Taipei or Saigon Government
officially brings up the matter,
"we may study it."

Other Foreign Ministry
officials said that they con-
sidered such a military pact
"unnecessary" and "ineffective."
They pointed out that none
of the three prospective
participants possessed sufficient
military mobility to move re-
taining troops from one nation
to another in case of Communist
attack.—United Press.

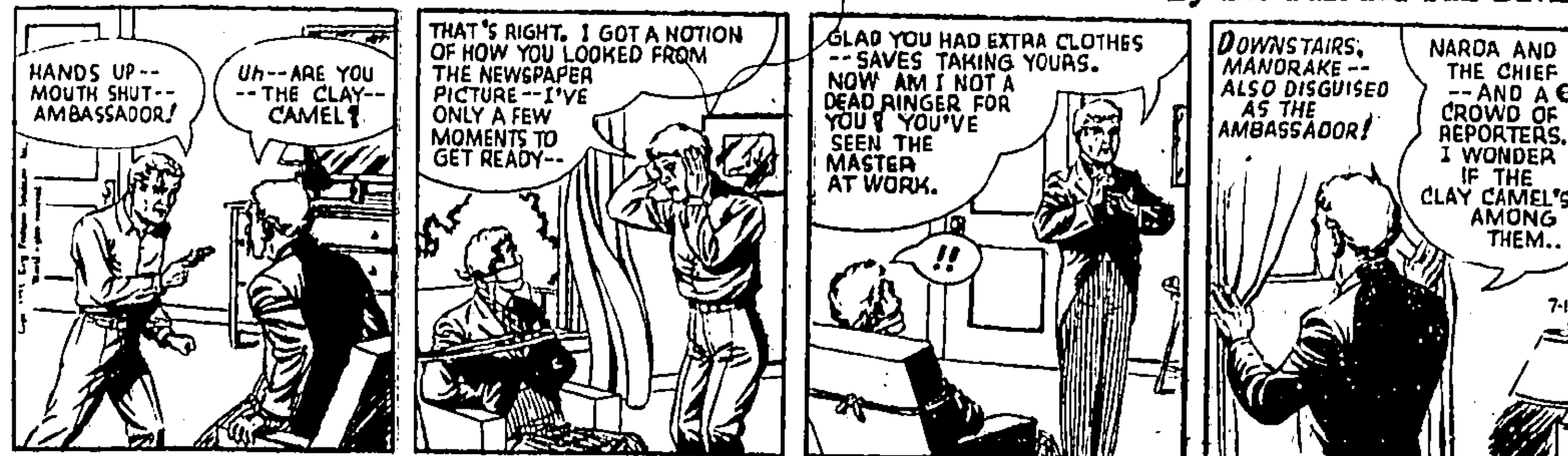
"Blackmailing" Of Conscripts

London, Feb. 9.
Mr Antony Hod, Secretary
for War, has ordered a detailed
investigation into allegations
that national servicemen (con-
scripts) in Scottish regiments
had been told the alternative to
being posted to Cyprus was to
enlist as regular soldiers for
three years.

National servicemen do two
years' service.

A Labour member, Mr Emrys
Hughes, had asked in the House
of Commons what the Minister
was doing to stop this "black-
mail" by commanding officers.—
China Mail Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



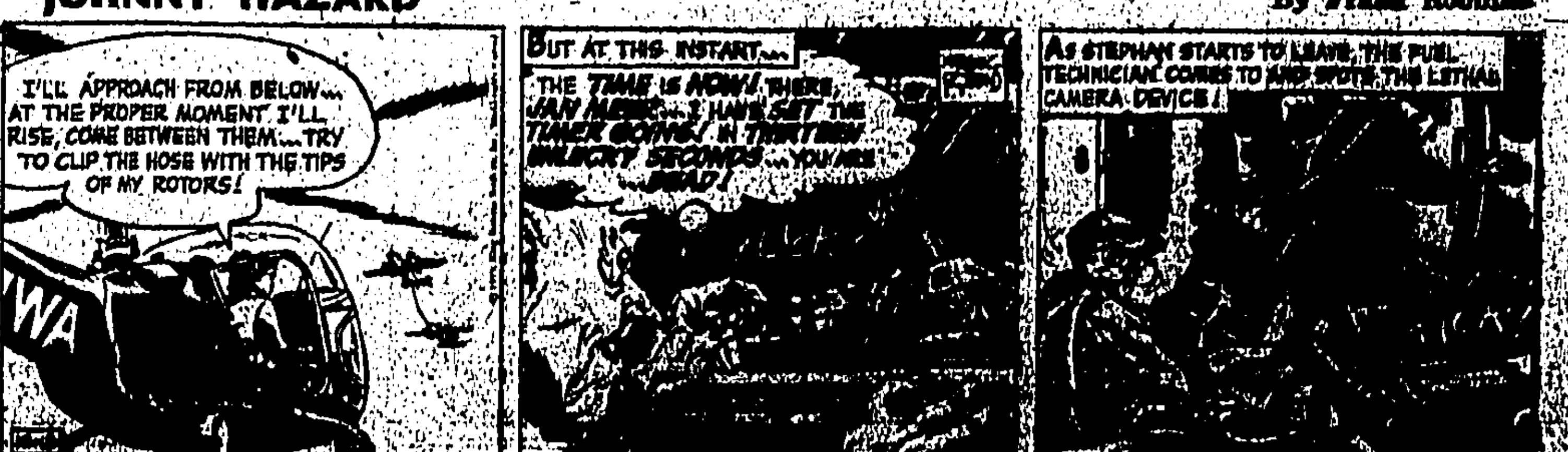
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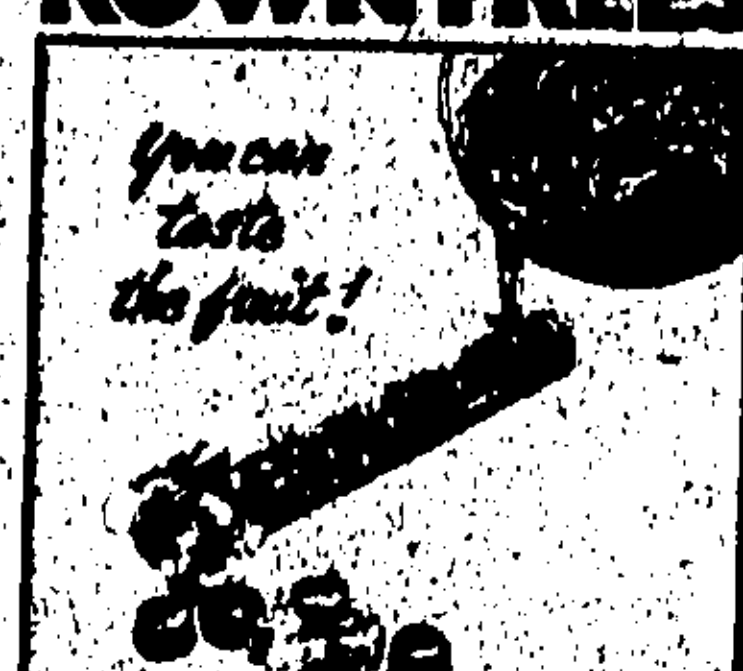
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It was a lovely present. A bottle of scent. One of those exotic creations that come from Paris, and appear to be worth rather than their weight in gold.

The landlady of the inn, to whom the present had been sent, took a cautious sniff at it, then returned the package, the scent of great occasions when it could fittingly be used.

A day or two later, the landlady was talking to Mary, her Irish maid, when she realised to her horror that the air about the pair of them was delicately perfumed by something that smelt amazingly like the scent from Paris.

YOU HAVEN'T? SHE felt almost faint for a moment. Then "Mary," she challenged, "have you split my new bottle of scent?"

"Why no, ma'am," said Mary, a curly-haired Irish girl of 20, who had worked for the landlady six weeks or so.

"You haven't used any of the scent, have you?"

"Oh, what would a one like me be wanting that sort of stuff for?" Mary answered.

The matter was allowed to rest there. But how the air had come to be scented, remained a mystery.

MARY OWNS UP ON the last day of 1955, Mary was dismissed from her job in the public-house, for reasons that had nothing to do with that mystery.

It was some time after she had gone that the landlady discovered that a number of items of clothing were missing from her wardrobe. The police were called. "Is there anyone you suspect?" they asked. The landlady mentioned Mary's name.

"The police contacted Mary at her new place of work," "Yes," she said. "I took the things."

"Where are they?"

"I hid them under beds in the public-house. I meant to take them when I called back for some things of mine."

Then Mary made a statement. "The landlady accused me of stealing her recent which I didn't," Mary said. "So I thought I'd give her something proper to accuse me of."

At Clerkenwell court, Mary pleaded guilty to stealing the clothes, and asked the magistrate, Mr. Frank Powell, to take into consideration the theft of 11 cigarettes to which she had also helped herself during her stay at the public-house.

RECURRING EMPLOYMENT There are no previous convictions against this girl, a policeman told the magistrate. "She is working now at a hotel, where she gets £3 a week, plus meals. She lives in a furnished room for which she pays 30s. a week. She came here from Ireland in 1954."

The woman probation officer went into the witness-box. "This girl tells me she said 'that her parents were against her coming here. They did not think she could take care of herself. But she has been in regular employment, and she does have a sister living in London, whom she sees occasionally. She writes to her parents, too.'"

"Oh, well. The workings of the female mind pass comprehension sometimes," said the magistrate with a sigh, thinking of the whiff of scent that had started Mary's story, and the cache of her mistress's clothes hidden under a mattress.

He put Mary on probation, and the Irish girl went away looking slightly baffled by the whole affair. As if there were things about the English that passed her comprehension.

RN Discipline To Be Reviewed

London, Feb. 9. Discipline in the British Navy is to be reviewed shortly to bring it up to date, as has already been done with the Army and Air Force.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Lord Privy Seal, has told the House of Commons that arrangements are now being made to set up a select (all party) Parliamentary committee to consider the Naval Discipline Act.

The necessary motion would be tabled in Parliament "very shortly," China Mail Special.

QUEEN VISITS LEPERS,
AND KILLS
CENTURIES-OLD STIGMA

By ALAN WHICKER

Written for United Press

Enugu, Nigeria, Feb. 9.

On a sun-scorched Nigerian hillside today, Queen Elizabeth killed the stigma of centuries as she moved among 1,000 lepers.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh talked to cripples and children suffering from this affliction, that was old and feared in Biblical days—and so died the terrible legend of the untouchable lepers.

In mediaeval days, the ghastly sound of bell and clapper warned of the approach of the "unclean." Today, the young Queen walked unprotected among hundreds of lepers. It was her contribution to a growing battle to return the leper to society.

In a simple white cotton dress with a fern leaf pattern, the Queen strolled along. She met 10-year-old Ife, a tiny little "adopted" by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. Ife had light patches of leprosy on her brood skin. She wore a bright Swatini head dress.

The Duke of Edinburgh met 12-year-old Jonathan, his own "adopted" in an earlier, long-distance exchange of letters. Jonathan stood stiffly at attention in the khaki uniform of a Cub.

SPARED NOTHING As the Queen would have wished, she was spared nothing. On a straw mat in the shade of a forest tree, there was a woman with a fine dignified face. She had no hands and legs.

Under the shade of palm matting were 80 deformed lepers who could not stand at attention.

By them were those who could not see. They strained with the eagerness of the blind to hear the Queen's voice.

There was a moment of sudden when "Old Jim," a blind leper, gently touched the Queen's hand, somehow felt the Queen was there.

The Queen walked quietly up to Old Jim. She paused and smiled into his sightless face. John Aguh spoke in a firm voice.

"We lepers welcome Your Majesty," he said. "We live under the shade of your protection and enjoy Your Majesty's food and medicine. May you accept the congratulations of the infirm and the blind of the settlement."

Past the line of the deformed lepers stood the children. They were lepers, too, but they will never be deformed. The sulphur drug dapsone has ended that terrible chapter in this history of leprosy. Seventeen little lepers of the Wolf Cub pack stood at attention with 15 Boy Scouts almost as small.

TWICE A WEEK They're great little chap, the Scoutmaster, Geoffrey Magson, a London engineer, told the Duke of Edinburgh. Mr. Magson is a power plant engineer. He said: "They go for their treatment twice a week, but they are as bright as a Cub pack at home."

The Queen walked nearly a mile among the lepers at the settlement in humid jungle heat. Her guide was Dr. Arthur Garret of Norwich, England, who started the tour by showing her microscopic slides of the bacillus which causes leprosy.

Dr. Garret is superintendent of the settlement. The nursing staff nearly missed meeting the Queen. One of the leper women was having a baby.

The child arrived shortly before the Queen. Within minutes, the whole camp knew for talking drums spread the word. The drum beats told that the child, a boy, had been named "God's gift."

United Press.

Soviet Soldiers Arrested

Berlin, Feb. 9. The West Berlin anti-Communist information bureau said today that five Soviet officers and six Soviet soldiers were arrested by military police last week at Ludwigsfelde, East Germany, on suspicion of having established contacts with the West.

Four East Germans, civilian employees of the Soviet military occupation, were also arrested. Refugee officials said today that Walter Fink, Secretary of the East German Liberal Democratic Party district bureau, had fled to West Berlin.

Fink was quoted as saying he fled when called by state security authorities to answer questions on alleged subversive remarks by his wife about the East German regime.—Reuter.

GAOL-BREAKER RECAPTURED

San Francisco, Feb. 9. Leslie Irvin, mass murderer who fled from the supposedly escape-proof gaol in Princeton, Indiana, was captured today by police in a San Francisco pawnshop.

Irvin, who escaped from the Princeton Gaol last January 19, where he was awaiting execution for the murder of one of the six persons he was accused of slaying, was arrested as he tried to pawn two rings stolen in a recent Los Angeles burglary.

As first he gave the name of Robert Davis of Los Angeles, then admitted his true identity after the police reported that a man by the name of Robert Davis had been robbed by a hitchhiker who stole his identification papers.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"The wife is entertaining and told me to take a night out and have fun—pretty lonesome, ain't it, Joe?"

Abolition Of MVD
Tribunal Disclosed

Moscow, Feb. 9.

The abolition in 1953 of a secret MVD tribunal, which could send people to forced labour camps without trial, was officially announced today for the first time.

The tribunal dealt chiefly with political offenders. It had powers to pass sentences by administrative decree, without even calling for the appearance of the offender.

It was abolished in 1953, after the large-scale amnesty for prisoners in forced labour camps that came within three weeks of Stalin's death in March, today's report disclosed.

The report was in the legal and law journals. The journal described the tribunal as a "special conference attached to the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MVD) and said that after its abolition, all categories of criminal cases were transferred to the criminal courts.

LEGAL RIGHTS Soviet State and Law said: "Serious measures have recently been carried out in our country by the Communist Party and the Soviet government directed at the further strengthening of Socialist legality and safeguarding of the rights and legal interests of Soviet citizens."

The journal called for the re-education of Soviet laws to bring them up to date.

Since 1953, the present Soviet regime has tried to demonstrate that the days of purges have passed. It has placed considerable stress on what it calls "Socialist legality."

A new campaign now appears to be under way to revise the criminal code, in order to ensure stricter legality and "the unyielding exercise of the rights of citizens as written in the constitution," according to Soviet State and Law.

IMPORTANT TIMING Today's announcement comes shortly before the Communist Party national congress starting next Thursday, with 1,600 delegates representing Communist Party organisations in all parts of Russia, the first national congress since 1952.

Some observers believed that the "strengthening of legality" might be stressed further at the congress. The key task at the congress is the election of the Party's central committee and after that the election of the Party Presidium, or governing body, at present headed by Mr. Nikita Khrushchev.—Reuter.

Resumes Duties

Mr. Huang Ping-wel ceased to be a Senior Labour Inspector for the purposes of the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance, 1955, and has resumed his duties as Labour Inspector. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Posted To Reserve

The Commandant of the Royal Hong Kong Defence Force, with the approval of H.E. the Governor, has posted Captain M. P. Keyes of the Hong Kong Regiment to the RHKDF Reserve of Officers. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

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ASIA, FAR EAST
FACE RAPID GROWTH
IN POPULATION

New York, Feb. 9.

Asia and the Far East faced a rapid growth of population in the next ten to 20 years due to "spectacular improvements in health in these areas," but present information on population was insufficient to provide an adequate basis for economic and social planning, it was stated today.

A report of the United Nations seminar on population in Asia and the Far East, which will be studied at the current session of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East at Bangalore, noted that "in some countries no census has been taken in the last 20 years or more, and even the present size of population is only vaguely known."

The majority of countries had no accurate national records of births and deaths, hence levels and trends of fertility, mortality and natural increases of population were unknown and could only be estimated with a considerable margin of error.

"Information concerning current rates of internal migration is completely lacking or grossly inadequate," the report said. There are important deficiencies in information on such matters as the age structure of the population, the economic activities of the people and the numbers and characteristics of families or households.

"Even in countries where demographic statistics have been most fully developed there is need for more study of the relationships between population trends and economic and social factors. Demographic research, the indispensable tool for sound economic and social planning should go hand in hand with the improvement of demographic statistics," it emphasised.

To remedy the situation, the report recommended that facilities for demographic training should be set up in ECARE countries. Demography should be included in university courses now being given in related fields.—Reuter.

THIEF OF RAINCOAT A raincoat was stolen from an unattended motor car parked near King's College, Bonham Road, yesterday morning.

SNATCHERS ACTIVE Six cases of larceny from the person were reported to the Police yesterday.

A quantity of cash was stolen from a Chinese woman at the Central Market. A fountain pen was stolen from a man walking on Cochrane Street, in the Central District.

A suspect has been detained in connection with this case. A pickpocket stole cash from a European sailor at the Star Ferry wharf.

In Kowloon, a woman walking along Prince Edward Road had her wristwatch snatched by a thief, who escaped. An car-ringing was stolen from a woman in Peiho Street, in the Shamshuipo district. Another woman pedestrian lost a wristwatch in a snatching incident in Tai Po Road.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6. Time Signal and Programme Summary. 6.05. Stock Market Report. 6.10. Programme for Children presented by Valerie (Studio). 6.15. Popularity Poll presented by Ted Thomas. Predict the three top tunes of the week to win \$50 (studio). 6.20. Weather Report. 7.15. Jazz Half Hour presented by Robert Acheson (Studio). 7.45. The Royal Tour of Nigeria. A Report on the Visit of H.M. The Queen and H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh to Enugu. Recorded Excerpts from yesterday's events (London Relay). 8. "The Song is You"—Mario Lanza sings. 8.15. Take it from here. Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards, with Wallace Eaton, Alma Cogan, June Whitfield (BBCRS). 8.45. Letter from America by Alan Cooke (London Relay). 9. Time Signal. 9.05. Continental Cabaret presented by Denise Brabant (Studio). 10.05. Virtuoso Albert Schweitzer (Can). 10.45. Selections from the Musical Film "The Dock." 10.55. Weather Report. 11. Time Signal. 11.15. Radio News (Recorded London Relay). 11.15. Goodnight Music: God Save The Queen. Close Down.

REDEFUSION 2 p.m. Variety Calls the Tune. Musical Matinee. 2.30. Strike Up the Band. 3.45. Black House by Charles Dickens. 4. Tea for Two. 4.20. Sammy Kaye Show. 4.40. Dossier on Dumitru. 5. Children's Corner—Conducted by Annie Patrice. 5.20. Friday Requests—Presented by Betty. 6.15. Birthday Mailbag. 6.15. Record Parade. 6.15. Grand Final Year 7. Time Signal and the News. 7.05. Weather Report and Announcements. 7.15. The Grand Finale. 7.30. Cocktail Hour. 7.45. The Royal Tour of Nigeria. A Report on the Visit of H.M. The Queen and H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh to Enugu. 8. Personality Parade—Billy Colton. 8.15. Take it from here. 8.45. Performance by the New Light Symphony Orchestra. 9.05. Overture (Guillier). Played by the New Light Symphony Orchestra. 9.15. Symphonie Fantastique (Berlioz). Played by the London Philharmonic Orchestra. 9.45. The Symphonies (Vaughan Williams). Played by the Queen's Hall Orchestra. 10.05. The Queen's Hall Orchestra. 10.15. Music and Moonlight. 10.30. Dead Circumstances. 10.45. The Grand Finale. 11.05. The Grand Finale. 11.15. Goodnight Music: God Save The Queen. Close Down.

INSPECTORS The following persons have been appointed authorised inspectors for the purpose of the Emergency (Resettlement Areas) General Rules of 1952. It was announced in the Government Gazette today:

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